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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON EL SALVADOR

REF: STATE 119117

1. POLSEC CHIEF BRIEFED MS DE YOUNG ON GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION, ON BACKGROUND BASIS. RICHARDSON CASE WAS DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF US-GOES RELATIONSHIP AND ITS PURPORTED PRESENT TENSENESS. POLOFF DESCRIBED HOW GOES AND ITS SUPPORTERS HAVE CHOSEN TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT INDIVIDUAL EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE ON PERSONAL CRUSADE RATHER THAN ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS ON RICHARDSON. EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN THAT THIS MISPERCEPTION WAS CONVENIENT ONE FOR THOSE TRYING TO PROJECT IMPRESSION THAT USG-GOES RELATIONSHIP WAS AS WARM AND CLOSE AS EVER. MENTION WAS MADE THAT THOSE TRYING TO SELL THEMSELVES AND OTHERS ON THIS THEORY OFTEN POINT TO FACT THAT THE PUBLIC REPEAT PUBLIC RECORD CONTAINS NO INDICATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE CASE, OR ISSUED COMMENT ON IT.

2. ELEANOR HICKS, ARA/CEN, IS AWARE THAT THIS MISPERCEPTION IS CURRENT IN EL SALVADOR. MS. DE YOUNG SPOKE TO MANY CONTACTS DURING HER STAY IN SAN SALVADOR. IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING THAT SHE HEARD WHAT SHE MISTAKENLY ATTRIBUTED TO AN EMBOFF ELSEWHERE, MOR MISSED THE POINT AND CONVERTED HIS DESCRIPTION OF AN INCORRECT LOCAL PERCEPTION INTO A REALITY.

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